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#### "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

A complete change of fare was given to patrons of the Theatre Royal last night, when the Bandmann Company made their seventh appearance and put on the farcical comedy "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The piece is quite unlike any other, and last night's audience revelled in the joy of a peep into the wholesome simplicity of life on "the cabbage patch," with Mrs Wiggs as the always optimistic leading spirit of the place. Her part was very cleverly taken by Miss Minnie Rayner. The character of the timid, sanctimonious Miss Hazy was in the hands of Miss Lacy Beaumont, whose interpretation of it was little short of marvellous; while Mr Charles Vane as Hiram Stubbins was also a great success. The other parts were also well translated.

#### To-night's Play.

The extremely vivid production "Zaza" will be given to-night. The play, which is an adaptation from the French, tells the story of a French concert hall singer who has become business partner with a male singer and is doing a turn at a *revue* at St. Etienne. "She is a virtuous woman until she meets a rich young Frenchman, Bernard Dufresne, one night after one of her turns. She becomes infatuated with him, but the young man resists her advances at first. He finally succumbs and takes her to live with him in a small house in St. Etienne, not revealing to her that he has a wife and child in Paris. After six months of ideal life for Zaza, the young man leaves to go to Paris on business, promising to return. During his absence she is told by Caspar, her former singing partner, that Bernard is married, and half-crazy with grief and wounded pride she goes to Bernard's house in Paris where she sees his wife and meets his little daughter, by whom the truth is confirmed. She then returns home and is on the point of seeking the stage when a telegram announces the return of her repentant lover. Her joy at seeing him is at first intense, but gradually cools, and she tells him that she has been to Paris—and knows all about his other home. Recriminations follow, and Zaza now thoroughly aroused, orders him from the house. She then returns to the stage and resumes her old place as favourite. She does not meet Bernard for two years. When they finally do meet it is outside the Concert des Ambassadeurs, a music hall on the Champs Elysees, where she is singing. He attempts to renew the old intimacy but Zaza although startled by his unexpected appearance recovers her self-possession and gently but firmly refuses. He goes sadly away, while she disappears into the theatre.

### THE EXPORTATION OF RICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, December 18.  
At noon yesterday there was a meeting of the Self Government Association at which the principal subject of discussion was the exportation of rice from Canton.

Mr Ho Wai Lung was in the chair and there were present Messrs Wu Sun Ching, Lo Siu Cheung, Wu Chi Ching, and quite a large number of others.

The Chairman moved that the Association should first send notices to the rice-exporters asking them not to export any more rice, and if they should ignore the request that the Association should report the matter to the Yuesay and petition him to issue an order prohibiting the exportation of rice during the present scarcity.

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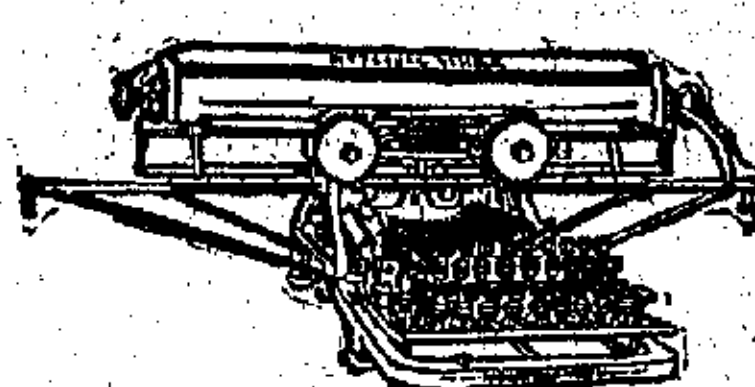
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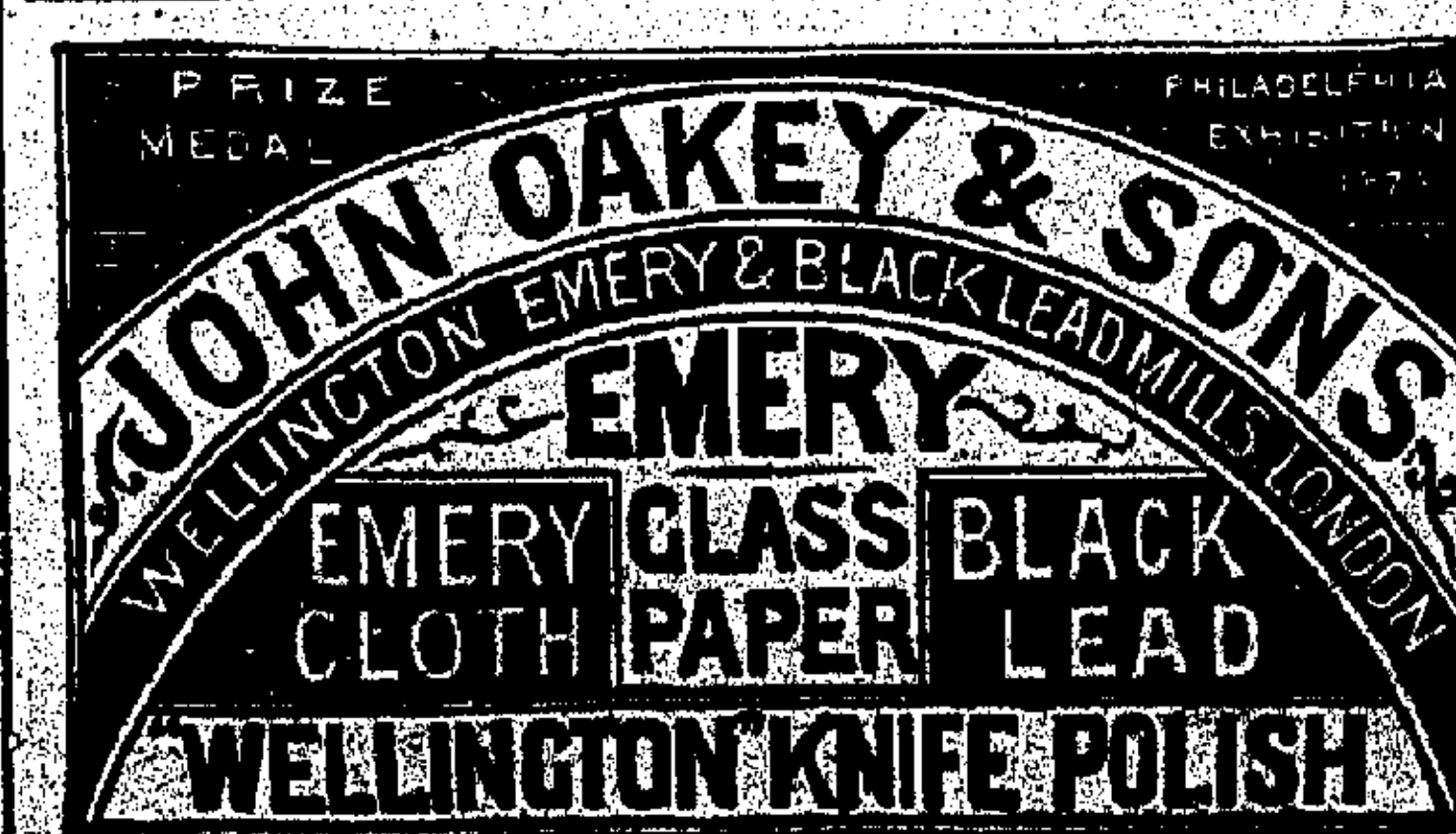


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The armoured cruiser *Invincible* has attained on trial a higher mean speed than has ever been reached with sea-going ships, and the moment is therefore particularly opportune to consider the advance in speeds and its relation to the qualification and status of sea-going engineers. The *Invincible*, on her full-power trials, attained a mean of 26.8 knots over a deep-sea measured course, and the two sister-ships are regarded as capable of maintaining this rate. They have different propellers, the Admiralty desiring comparative data in order to further advance their knowledge of screw efficiency. Thus any little difference in speed attained on trial will disappear by adopting that form of propeller which proves the most satisfactory. The turbines, too, proved very economical, even at the lower powers. Further tests are to be made, but the long-distance stumping of the *Invincible* and *Indefatigable* support the results of the *Invincible*'s trials, and every one associated with the three vessels may be cordially congratulated on the result, and particularly for the short time in which these powerful and fast vessels have been built.

The high speed attained by the three vessels is but one more step—although a large one—in the steady advance made in ship engineering within recent years. It follows that a greater demand is made on the personnel in the machinery room, but the extent of the requisite higher qualities like in engineering knowledge and resourceful courage is not fully appreciated. This can best be done by a glance backward, which few busy time or opportunity to take. In 1893 there was not a single armoured ship built or building with speed exceeding 19 knots. Of cruisers officially classified as protected or unarmoured ships, there were only four which exceeded 21 knots speed—the *Blake* and *Blenheim*, whose full speed was unobtainable because of the danger of pressing the boilers, and the *Powderful* and *Terrible*, then in course of construction.

Between 20 and 21 knots there were thirty-five ships, and between 19 and 20 knots fifty-two ships. It will thus be seen that 21 knots was practically the maximum speed in the Navy fifteen years ago. Now there are twenty-six armoured ships exceeding 23 knots, in addition to sixteen unarmoured ships, mostly scouts. Indeed, practically every battleship built this decade has been of over 19 knots; and every cruiser, whether armoured or dependent for protection on horizontal armour, has exceeded 23 knots. As regards destroyers the same progress has been made. The boats of fifteen years ago were of 27-knots speed; there are now in the Service many of 33 knots, and one, with a legend speed of 35 knots, is now running her trials. It is true that in the case of the vessels of this class recently ordered there is a reversion to 27-knots speed, but the designs and conditions are so different that there is no comparison; indeed, it would be more accurate to classify the new vessels as torpedo-destroying cruisers. In the British merchant service we have almost equal progress in respect of speed. In 1893 there were twenty-five vessels of between 18 and 19 knots, and nineteen vessels exceeded this rate. Now there are fifty-four vessels of between 18 and 19 knots, twenty-seven between 19 and 20 knots, and fifty-seven exceeding 20 knots. In the Navy there are 106. Not only do these figures show greater progress in the Navy, but full use is made of the higher speeds.

Fifteen years ago the full speed, even on trial, had only to be maintained by warships for four hours. Now the trial is of eight hours' duration. But, what is more significant, the warship squadrons steam now at a greater speed in ordinary cruising, and are frequently called upon to make prolonged runs at about full speed. This practice is most commendable, as the advantage to the *cruciform*, alike in the engine room and on the navigating-bridge, is great, adding enormously to experience in navigation and manoeuvring in the one case, and in continuous steam conditions and requirements in the other. The endurance of naval machinery is tested to the fullest extent, and there is greater certainty that the high speeds aimed at in design will be available in use.

Another point which shows that a greater advance has been made in the Navy is the fact that of merchant ships exceeding 20 knots only twelve also for long-distance voyages—principally for Atlantic trade, the remainder being for river and Channel service, where the period of continuous steaming is not great.

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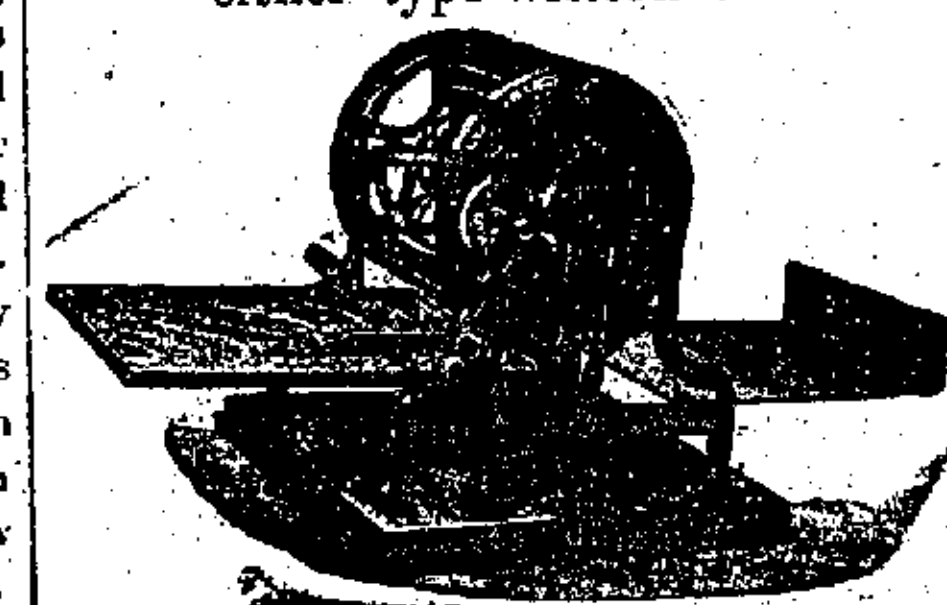
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Entries close on December 24th, 1908. Further particulars on application.

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## MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

## Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.  
Auctions.  
10 a.m.—Auction of Victroling Stores,  
at H.M. Naval Establishments.  
2.50 p.m.—Auction of Mosaic Collection  
of Oil-paintings, at City Hall.  
Miscellaneous.  
4 p.m.—Prize Distribution at St. Joseph's  
College.  
Goods per Banded undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

Tuesday, December 12.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Gold & Diamond  
Jewellery, &c., at Messrs Hughes &  
Hogb's Sales Rooms.  
Goods per Barcelona undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.  
Wednesday, December 23.  
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noon this date subject to rent.  
Goods per Porto undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain,  
&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales  
Rooms.  
Thursday, December 24.  
Goods per Delfinger undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.  
Saturday, December 19.  
9 p.m.—Grand Concert at City Hall.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1908.

## VENEZUELA.

We rather imagine that Holland will  
not allow her present unpleasantness with  
Venezuela to develop beyond the stage of  
a "state of reprisals." The head and  
front of the present trouble is President  
Castro, a fire-brand of the type too pain-  
fully familiar in the politics of Central  
America. Curiously enough this gentle-  
man, the very acme of insouciance,  
is absent from his post being at present  
in Germany, ostensibly for medical  
treatment. This is on a par with his  
general behaviour where foreigners are  
concerned. Various nations have had  
quarrels with President Castro, owing  
to his arbitrary conduct towards their  
nationals, but neither France, Great Britain,  
nor the United States have obtained  
much satisfaction from him. The reason  
that Holland has been called upon to  
enter the field where other Powers have  
won nothing but the barren honour of  
demonstrating that they were in the  
right, is to be found in the Dutch island  
Colony of Curacao which lies just off  
the Venezuelan coast. Here the right of  
political asylum has been given to all  
Venezuelans who have had to flee  
from the autocratic dictatorship of  
Castro, much to the latter's anno-  
yance, for he prefers to give his  
political opponents short shrift when-  
ever possible. Holland naturally refused  
to surrender these political refugees to  
the tender mercies of the President of  
Venezuela, and he accordingly sought  
means to bring the quarrel to a head  
by first insulting the Dutch representa-  
tive and then, accordingly, sending himhis passports. The insult could not be  
passed over and in the steps which  
Holland is taking she has the warm  
approval of the Powers. We suspect that  
the present troubles will resolve them-  
selves to the disadvantage of Castro and  
that Venezuela will find the easiest exit  
by deposing her dictator and electing a  
new President. Then she will be able  
to treat with the stranger who is now  
knocking so persistently at her gates  
and so peremptorily compelling all her  
apologies for a Navy. As Venezuelan  
presidents go, Castro has had a very  
good run, and there can be very little  
doubt that his long-suffering country is  
very tired of him, though up to the  
present she has been too scared to  
remove him from the office into which he  
thrust himself by a coup d'etat lacking  
none of the adroitness and blood-  
guiltiness usual to South American  
revolutions. That Holland will get  
much satisfaction out of the affair we  
greatly doubt; still if she teaches the  
Venezuelans that there is such a thing  
as international good manners, she will  
have achieved something; while if the  
deposition of Castro is effected she  
must consider that she has done a very  
good day's work indeed.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Sir Percy Scott's squadron has arrived  
at Rio, where festivities are being arranged.  
Statistics show that a million divorces  
have been granted in the United States  
during the past twenty years.A telegram for Christchurch states that  
the Nimrod has sailed for the Antarctic  
to fetch Lieut. Shackleton and his comrades.  
The vessel, which has been refitted, takes  
a year's provision.During the past year the income of the  
port of Calcutta amounted to Rs. 956,142,  
compared with Rs. 908,038 in 1906-7.  
The expenditure amounted to Rs. 784,068,  
the surplus being Rs. 172,074.A Criminal Commission, sitting at  
Hanoi, has sentenced six anti-French con-  
spirators to death, and two others, to long  
terms of penal servitude. Numerous  
arrests have been made in connection with  
an anti-French plot at Mou, in Saigon.Lord Methuen, speaking at a banquet  
given in his honour at Johannesburg,  
explained that his mission to consolidate  
the Colonial forces of South Africa, was  
not undertaken with a view to the perma-  
nent withdrawal of the regular troops, but  
to enable the Empire to rely upon the  
South African army in time of danger,  
when every man available might be re-  
quired to fight in Europe or elsewhere.On Friday night Kowloon Point, on  
which is situated the fine new Godowns  
of Messrs Holt & Co., of Liverpool, was abaz-  
ard with electric lights. From the Hongkong  
side of the harbour the outlines of the huge  
buildings loomed out against the dark  
background of the hills at the back, show-  
ing, so to speak, the birth of a new and  
great addition to the industry of the Colony.  
It is expected that on the first of the new  
year the godowns will be ready to com-  
mence their busy life.In view of various sensational state-  
ments which have been circulated regard-  
ing the situation in India, Reuters' Agency  
is authoritatively informed that the follow-  
ing is the official view held in London:—  
That it is absurd to suggest that anything  
in the nature of a conspiracy has reached  
the masses; that the most serious feature,  
so far as the disaffected section is concerned,  
is the difficulty of getting hold of the  
offenders and the slow process of the  
Courts. There is no tendency to understate  
the significance of the situation; but to  
compare it with the ere of the Mutiny is  
grossly misleading, unwarranted, and  
stupid. The authorities in London and in  
India are actively co-operating, and rela-  
tions between Vellore and Calcutta  
were never on a more satisfactory basis.The following books were added to  
Y. M. C. A. Library during the week:—  
The Red Stain, Sir William Magway; The  
Money-Changers, Upton Sinclair; Fennell's  
Tower, Louis Tracy; Stolen Sweets, Wil-  
liam Le Queux; My Story, Hall Caine; The  
Gentleman, Alfred Ollivier; Purple Love,  
Morris Gerard; The Spy, Maxim Gorky;  
Sir Richard Ecombe, Max Pemberton;  
The Socialism of Lady Jim, Florence Yar-  
den; The Angel, Guy Thorne; Salthaven,  
W. W. Jacobs; Yours and Mine, Silas  
Hocking; The Tempting of Paul Chester,  
A. and C. Asker; The Waters of Jordan,  
H. A. Vachell; The Elusive Pimpernel,  
Baroness Orczy; The Riverman, S. E.  
White; The Hermit and the Wild Woman,  
Edith Wharton; Lewis Rand, Mary John-  
ston; The Man from Brodneys, G. B.  
McClintock.

## TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

In ordering household supplies, don't  
forget to lay in a supply of Chamber-  
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the winter is over. It never fails in case  
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grocers.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Bungkok has been proclaimed an  
infected port by Hongkong.At the Sanitary Board meeting on  
Tuesday afternoon a letter will be read  
from the Government relative to the  
appointment of Mr Woodcock to act as  
Deputy Registrar and Accountant of the  
Supreme Court and Mr Gilson and Mr  
Craig to continue to act as Secretary of the  
Sanitary Board.We have been asked to state that the  
exhibition of pictures at the City Hall (St.  
Andrew's) will be open from 10 a.m. to  
7 p.m. to-morrow, Sunday. This will give  
those who have not had a chance of viewing  
these fine pictures a good opportunity of  
doing so, and as the proceeds are to be  
given to charity there is no doubt the  
attendance will be a large one.The Times of Ceylon, in course of some  
remarks concerning a meeting held in con-  
nection with the Liverpool School of Tropi-  
cal Medicine, says:—A flattering refer-  
ence is made in the report to Sir Henry  
Blake, who seems to have made one of  
those happy speeches which he often treat-  
ed the public to in Ceylon, and which  
made us so keenly regret that his capacity  
to act was not so great as his gift of  
oratory. Had it been so our ex-Governor  
would have been one of the most brilliant  
administrators of his time.The following telegram was received  
by Mr A. Bassett, District Attorney, in  
the U. S. Court, Shanghai, from Mr E.  
Root, Secretary of State, dated Washing-  
ton, December 11. "Not only does the  
President not wish to accept your resigna-  
tion tendered by telegraph November 17,  
but the Department particularly desires you  
to retain your post and to assist the newly  
appointed Judge in continuing the good  
work of the Court and preserving what has  
been accomplished by Judge Wiley in the  
usual and most difficult stage of its  
existence."As the American government found  
that all the opium which had been  
accumulating on its hands from seizures  
and confiscations could not be sold in  
Manila by reason of its constituting a  
violation of the opium law, says a Manila  
exchange, and that treaty law, even if  
morality did not cut a figure, forbade  
selling it to the Hongkong opium farmers,  
in order to be smuggled again into the  
islands, it concluded to make the best of  
a bad bargain and destroy the lot. So the  
other day the Insular Replant was the scene  
of the destruction of some 900 cans of  
opium.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lady Lansdowne sails for London for  
Calcutta, on December 17.Sir Alexander Hume left by the s.s.  
Delfinger for Shanghai yesterday.Major F. Vane Agnew, R.G.A., died at  
Attock, India, on November 27, of malarial  
fever.His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to appoint Mr S. B. C. Ross to act  
as District officer in the New Territories.The name of Mr G. G. Whitlaw, of  
Messrs A. S. Watson and Co., has been  
added to the Register of Chemists and  
Druggists.The King's Exequatur empowering Mr  
J. J. Leiria to act as Consul for Portugal  
and Brazil at Hongkong has received His  
Majesty's signature.His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to re-appoint Hon Mr E. A. Hewatt  
to be a member of the Sanitary Board for  
a further period of three years.His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased, with the approval of the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr J.  
F. Brimton to be second Assistant Director  
of Public Works.Sir Henry Blake has been presented with  
a handsome silver salver, and Lady Blake  
with a beautiful tortoiseshell box as sou-  
venirs of the services Sir Henry rendered to  
the recent Rubber Exhibition at Olympia.In the bye-election to fill the parliamen-  
tary vacancy in Essex caused by the  
resignation of Sir F. C. Rasch, Mr E. G.  
Pryman, Unionist, was returned, securing  
6,153 votes to Mr A. H. Denoe, Liberal,  
3,587.Mr Thomas H. G. Brayfield has been  
appointed Engineer Surveyor for private  
steam launches under 60 tons, in place of  
Mr H. L. Fletcher, absent from the  
Colony, during the absence on leave of Mr  
H. F. Carmichael.The death is announced of General  
Viscount Okazawa, chief aide-de-camp of  
the Emperor of Japan, Knight Commander  
of the Victorian Order. Viscount Okazawa  
was the oldest son of a samurai of the clan  
of Choshu and was born in 1844. He took an  
active part in the work of Restoration, and  
after a military service which began in  
1871, attained to the post that he held  
at the time of his death. Prior to  
that he had been Chief Staff Officer to the  
Military Inspection Board and Vice-  
Minister of War. He was decorated with  
the Victorian Order by King Edward in  
December, 1905.Twenty million has been going to  
be raised this year by Sir John. Hand-  
some. A careful list of gifts to be  
returned, but return. Handmade. Care-  
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## THE OPIUM QUESTION.

THE EMBARGO OF THE OPIUM  
REPORT.

For Alleged Political Motives.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
LONDON, December 19.There is a strong opinion here that  
Colonel Seely's continued embargo with  
regard to the publication of the Opium  
Commission report is due to political  
motives and a desire to commit Hong-  
kong to a definite policy which would  
then be used as a lever to influence the  
action of the Straits, thus attacking the  
Crown Colonies piecemeal.(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, December 18.It is proposed to send Prince Kung to  
the Opium Conference at Shanghai  
in February.MEMBER OF PARLIA-  
MENT FINED.

FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)  
LONDON, December 19.Mr W. Horatio Bottomley, M.P., for  
South Hackney, and a well-known  
financier, has been fined £300 for con-  
tempt of Court in commenting on the  
proceedings of the case on Decem-  
ber 2, in which he was brought  
up at the Guildhall, with three  
others for alleged fraud in connection  
with the Joint Stock Trust and Finance  
Corporation, which was wound up in  
1906, as the proceedings were subjudice.BRITISH PARLIAMENT  
PROBQUES.WILL ASSEMBLE IN  
FEBRUARY.(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)  
LONDON, December 19.The House of Commons prorogues on  
Monday and will re-assemble on Feb-  
ruary 10, 1909.

## RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, December 18.The Board of Communication has  
decided to appoint Tsohai Chin Tin  
Yau as delegate to the Railway Con-  
ference to be held in Belgium.CHINESE MEDICAL  
OFFICERS.TO STUDY WESTERN  
MEDICINE.(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, December 18.The Prince Regent proposes to send  
some Chinese Medical Officers abroad to  
study Western Medicine.REVOLUTIONARIES  
BEHEADED.(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
CANTON, December 18.Kat Him and Yim Kwok Fung, two of  
the men who were arrested as suspected  
revolutionaries the other day, were tried  
before the Nam Ho Magistrate yesterday.  
Both admitted that they were revolu-  
tionaries and were sentenced to death.  
Immediately after the sentence was given  
they were beheaded.KING WIRES CON-  
GRATULATIONS.

TO SULTAN OF TURKEY.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)  
LONDON, December 18.His Majesty King Edward has  
telegraphed his congratulations to the  
Sultan of Turkey upon the opening of  
Parliament.The Turkish Parliament appoints  
a temporary President of State until  
then adjourned until Saturday.The Premier speaking in the Reich-  
rath stated that there is no reason to  
consider the Near East situation as  
disquieting as he is confident that the  
existing differences could be diploma-  
tically arranged.

LONDON, December 19.

Congratulations from the world's  
Parliaments have poured into Con-  
stantinople.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

SIR ROBERT HART.

LONDON, December 17.

Sir Robert Hart was presented with  
the freedom of the city of London  
yesterday.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 17.

A stormy debate has taken place in  
the Duma on a bill for indemnifying  
the victims of the Terrorists. The  
Socialists and Labourists denounced  
the executions and tortures, and the  
President of the Duma resigned in  
consequence of the attitude of the  
conservatives, and demands an apology  
from the Labourists.

TURKEY.

LONDON, December 17.

The Sultan drove in an open carriage  
of state to open the new parliament,  
where he was cheered by immense  
crowds. The Sultan stood throughout  
the drive. Ali Djavid Bey read the  
speech from the throne, in which the  
Sultan said that he was heartily glad  
to restore the constitution and his will  
was unalterable in that respect. His  
Majesty regretted that the Bulgarians  
had departed from the path of loyalty  
and proclaimed their independence; he  
regretted to announce that Austria-  
Hungary had illegally annexed Bosnia  
and Herzegovina, contrary to interna-  
tional good faith and hoped that with  
the good offices of a friendly power  
those questions would be peacefully  
settled.THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN  
RAILWAY LOAN.

LONDON, December 17.

The South Manchurian Railway loan  
was over-subscribed to-day.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 17.

Mr Pulitzer's paper, the World,  
retorts to President Roosevelt's message  
to Congress by calling the President a  
bully, a wholesale slanderer, and a  
bulldozer of Judges.[REUTERS' SERVICE.]—Those peo-  
ple who began taking Stearns' Wine  
of Cod Liver Oil for a bad cough and  
general bad health last week, are feeling  
better to-day. Don't you wish you did?

## HIGH-CLASS

CLARETS,  
PORTS and  
SHERRIES.

H. Price &amp; Co., Ltd.

WINE, SPIRIT &amp; CIGAR MERCHANTS.

No. 12, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, November 14, 1908.



## A PEEP AT THE HEAVENS.

The members of the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society and a large number of friends were accorded a very great treat on Friday evening, when Mr. J. Plummer, M.A., gave a most enjoyable and instructive lecture at the Y.M.C.A. Captain F. A. Brown presided.

"I suppose I may safely assume, that if anyone here present, were offered the opportunity of visiting a fully equipped observatory, for the purpose of seeing a few celestial objects through a large telescope, that the invitation would be accepted with avidity," began the lecturer. In the course of more than forty years' experience it had been his lot to act as showman on many occasions, and he had ever been conscious, that the result had greatly fallen short of the expectation. There were many reasons why this should be so. It required in the first place some experience, before all that is actually visible in a telescope is really made out by the observer, even the simple matter of focusing on an object, which everyone must do for himself, was not nearly so easily accomplished as it would appear to be. The vagaries of climate, which only allow of celestial objects being viewed under the most favourable circumstances on rare occasions, and the enormous distances of the objects, reduced to such insignificant proportions by distances too vast to be really appreciated by the human mind, all tended to diminish the impression made upon the infrequent beholder.

The heavens were such a masterpiece that they did not impress themselves upon us with all their glory at the first casual glance. It was necessary for the mind to attain itself to the contemplation of the like, to develop a power of receiving the facts so far beyond the ordinary limits of our thoughts, to know something which we may know more, and precisely as we have succeeded in doing so, shall we really enjoy and admire the spectacle which is presented to us. During the last quarter of a century a very great development had taken place in the art of photography as applied to celestial objects with astonishing results. The plate within the camera had taken the place of the human eye, and the marvellous as that organ was it saw many things which the eye, particularly the inexperienced eye, failed to detect.

The lecturer then detailed the various stages of the various stars and nebulae, some really splendid pictures on the screen, it being only possible to do so owing to the lecturer being a F.R.S.

The lecture was very highly appreciated.

## CHEONG-SHA-WAN MURDER CHARGE.

## A Verdict of "Manslaughter."

The case in which Chiu Yuen Fuk stood charged with murder was resumed at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott) this morning. The Attorney General (the Hon. W. Ross Davies, K.C.), prosecuted for the Crown; while Mr. R. E. Bellios defended.

The case for the Crown being concluded, Mr. Bellios, addressing the jury, said the defence would be that it was deceased who first took up the knife, and that the deceased and the accused, in the scuffle ensued, in the scuffle the deceased dropped his knife and that was the time when prisoner first took possession of it. Prisoner was thrown on the ground, and being the weaker man, he snatched upwards in self-protection. Mr. Bellios submitted that there was not the slightest title of evidence to show that prisoner premeditated murder, and that the evidence of the prisoner, corroborated by any witnesses whatever was highly incredible.

His Lordship, summing up, said that was the first time that a Chinese in this Court had availed himself of the privilege of going into the box and giving evidence on oath on so serious a charge. And they must remember that it required a great deal of pluck to face the Attorney General's cross-examination if the prisoner were not speaking the truth. He (his Lordship) could not say that the witnesses on behalf of the Crown had been altogether satisfactory; there were certain discrepancies which made it hard to believe that they spoke exactly the truth, although they probably believed that what they were telling was what they thought they saw. After saying that, the position of the wounds rather told in favour of the prisoner's story, his Lordship said if the jury believed that it was prisoner who snatched the knife, that a quarrel followed, and it led to the wounds being given, they must find him guilty of murder. But they believed that the two men had a quarrel, there was a pursuit, and something which they were not quite clear of happened, it was their duty to bring in a verdict of "Manslaughter."

The jury returned a verdict of "Manslaughter," with a recommendation to mercy. His Lordship said, having regard to the recommendation of mercy, and the circumstances of the case, he should sentence prisoner to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Since the prohibition of opium-smoking many medicines have been advertised to cure those addicted to the habit and one of the most common has been in the form of pills, anti-opium pills as they are called. The authorities now find that these anti-opium pills are mostly composed of morphine, and as the morphine is doing a great deal of harm to former opium-smokers, Viceroy Chang has issued an order strictly prohibiting the sale of such pills.

For those who are hard up there is at present an opportunity of earning \$500. Throughout the city of Hoi Hong in Tai Chow there recently appeared placards running as follows: "At 11 a.m. on the 5th day the 11th moon, we will first assemble at the foot of Kai Mountain; there we shall march to the city and slay all the officials."

The magistrate, Mr. Chin, is now offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the authors of this placard.

## A NOTABLE FACT.

THE absence of all narcotics makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the safest and best medicine for all coughs, colds, and wheezing cough that can be expected. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## ADJOURNMENT OF CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

When the Criminal Sessions were resumed to-day, His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott) stated that as he had seven or eight days' work in front of him, and only three days in which to do it, he should adjourn the sessions after the one in hand was completed until January 4th, 1939. Juries would therefore not be required until that date.

## GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

The Band of S. M. S. Fuerst Bismarck are giving us another concert, this time in the Theatre on Saturday, 24th December at 9 p.m. The programme is made up of about 12 items, and a special feature will be a medley of Xmas airs by a Toy symphony orchestra. The date selected is a most suitable one as it immediately follows Xmas, and takes place on a Saturday evening, when the audience is at its largest, and to avoid disappointment music lovers should secure seats at once. It is needless to comment on the abilities of this Orchestra for each man is an artist and they have become more popular than ever in this Colony.

## PRIZEGIVING AT BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The annual prize distribution in connection with the vernacular department of Bellios Public School was held this morning, when some very high-class work, done by the girls of the school was on view. Songs and recitations were splendidly given by several scholars and the prizes were distributed by Mr. R. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, who in doing so emphasized the good work done by that school during the last two or three years. There had not only been an increase in numbers but also in efficiency. In 1936 the average attendance was 137 and last year it stood at 237, while this year it had slightly decreased to 235, but that was undoubtedly due to the epidemic of plague during the summer months. The maximum enrolment last year had never been above 200, but in February this year it had stood at 300. In view of the great increase in numbers the Government had been compelled to provide enough teachers in spite of the vision of retrenchment committees and such other unpleasant things, so that the school would require two more teachers. Mr. Wolfe also mentioned that a public teachers class was also to be formed in connection with that school and urged upon those who desired to become pupil teachers to attend and in conclusion, in his report, paid a very high tribute to the efficient manner in which the work had been carried out during the year.

## OBSERVATION STATION AT LAICHIKOK.

At the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce the chairman brought to the attention of the committee the additional regulations to Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance (No. 10 of 1899) made by the Governor in Council on 23rd November, 1938, under section 23 of the above Ordinance. The chairman pointed out that under the new regulations the owners of "infected" vessels placed under observation would be subject to such expenses as the cost of lymph, disinfectants, water, lighting, police guard, nurses, wardmasters, medicines and medical comforts, etc., etc., in fact the whole cost of upkeep of Observation Stations. It was considered that such an imposition would cause many owners to send their vessels when engaged in the China trade direct to such Coast Ports as Hongkong, Amoy and Swatow to the detriment of the interests of the Colony.

The Committee thought that the regulations governing the ports of Singapore and the which shipping companies pay for the actual cost of keep of their quarantines, passengers, for disinfection of the vessels and for burial expenses only, were more equitable.

Government made regulations obliging owners to set down infected passengers at a certain spot where they were detained at the will of the Government—Government should therefore pay the cost of the upkeep of such establishments which were maintained in the interests of the Colony.

The Committee decided to protest against the new regulations.

## ROBBERS CAUSE ANXIETY TO OFFICIALS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The present prevalence of robbery throughout the province is causing the authorities considerable anxiety, and thought. Soldiers are stationed in all the chief places, and as soon as a serious case of robbery is reported a party of soldiers are sent to the spot to guard the people there from any further attacks.

The officials have a good deal of faith in their soldiers, and are taking what precautions they can to keep out undesirable, such as revolutionaries. A case happened recently which shows how much trust is warranted and how successful they are in their attempts to gain trustworthy men.

Yim Hoi, a soldier of the 6th regiment of the Central Army recently asked for furlough on the plea that he had to return home to attend to some family business, but on the expiration of his term of leave he failed to present an appearance and a party of soldiers were sent out in search of the deserter. On the 2nd inst. a robbery was committed in Kwai Chan Village in Shun Tak, and the leader of the gang was captured on the following day by some soldiers stationed in a neighbouring village, Yung Ki. This leader proved to be Yim Hoi, the deserter.

So as to serve as a warning to the other soldiers, Yim was sentenced to be beheaded.

## THAT MEANS RHEUMATISM.

SORE and swollen joints, sharp shooting pains, torturing muscles, no rest, no sleep. That means rheumatism. It is a dreadful disease to fight, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm has conquered it thousands of times. It will do so whenever the opportunity is offered. Try it. One application relieves the pain. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## RAMBLING NOTES.

The popular skipper of the Chilli, Captain Warrack, took unto himself a wife the other day. The bride hailed from the balt town of Don-Accord. With a new mate on board I trust the skipper will find his future voyage through life a most pleasant one.

There will be many in Hongkong who will miss the kindly face and genial smile of dear Sister Allison of the Italian Convent, who passed peacefully away this week after a lifetime spent in the good work of her Lord and Master. She has entered on her eternal rest. Requiescat in pace.

The Bandmann Comedy Company have been giving us an excellent taste of their quality this week and on the whole they have been well patronised. The plays next week are all good, and I hear the looking for Monday night, when the "Scarlet Pimpernel" will be given, is phenomenal.

A correspondent draws my attention to the water tap on that island strip of land with Dabney Path on the one side and Queen's Road Central on the other, and maintains that the water there is very soft. I have never tasted it, but in this way a very large quantity is wasted daily. Possibly the P.W.D. will take the matter up.

It was a most inspiring and instructive address which Archbishop Kelly of Sydney delivered before the members of the Catholic Union Club on Monday evening, comprehensive in its survey, touching and eloquent in the beauty of its language. Everyone present, no doubt, gleaned something from the address which will be useful to him or her in their everyday life. Those who were not fortunate enough to hear His Grace miss a rare treat.

Everyone whose business it is to attend the Magistrate's daily must have been struck with the somewhat curious custom, or system if you like, which prevails in fixing what promises to be a long and important case at the inconvenient hour of 12.30 p.m. True, pressure of other business might compel this necessity, but it is not infrequently happens that when a case is down for hearing at that particular time there is a long wait of perhaps more than an hour from the finish of the previous case. No doubt this great inconvenience could be easily obviated.

It was the Criminal Sessions. The witness in the box was a Chinese Countryman. A point turned on the question of time. Witness was asked by learned counsel if he could read the time by an English clock. His proud reply was that he could. A test of his knowledge was decided upon; witness was asked to look at the Court time-piece. The hour accordingly this clock was 11.45 a.m. Witness suddenly gave the time-piece for some minutes. Then, with triumphant looks on his face, he declared with confidence "Three o'clock!" The Court roared.

"Jack, my darling, how could you doubt my love? I love you and you only." Margaret. So runs a note in the Agony Column of the Standard. Now there must be nearly a million Jacks in London alone, and perhaps the same number of Margarets; then how on earth is the one particular Jack to know that it is his Margaret who has sent two shillings in the attempt to communicate with him, instead of relying on the humble hand of post-boy. But hold! The advertisement might be a secret message from Bill Styles to Joan regarding the possibility of accepting the Cullinan diamonds from the Tower.

"Here's a question for you: Have you ever read a person's name. It does seem a bit ridiculous, doesn't it? But, as the advertisement says, 'there's a reason.' The fact is I've been wondering how many Hongkong folk paid heed to a handbill distributed in the Colony, in which the following cryptic sentence occurred: "Don't miss the opportunity of hearing these artists sing and dance." I'm really quite ready to admit that it would be possible to hear the fairy tripping of a policeman wearing boots of the regulation size—about 18", or thereabouts. In fact, I rather fancy the difficulty would be not to hear him. But then, I very much doubt if lady artists appreciate this comparison, don't you?

I have seen several notices in the local press stating as a positive fact that the present "Empress" boats on the Pacific run are to be replaced by the "Empress of Ireland" and the "Empress of Britain" now running across the Atlantic; and that new boats are being built at Home for the latter run. To the one and only man in the Colony who would know if any such change was contemplated, I received an answer in something like the following words: "I have in my office a many-colored heavy metal paperweight with a number of spikes on it; if you had mentioned the subject there I would probably have hurled that paper-weight at your head. No. There is absolutely no truth in these rumours at all." It was ever thus, especially in Hongkong. One learns more of one's own business, outside than one knows oneself.

We all know that a woman's crowning glory is her hair, and that sometimes she purchases her crowning glory. The fact was illustrated by an interesting little incident at a matinee at the Queen's Theatre, London, recently. The engagement then inaugurated the experiment of prohibiting the wearing of that much-denounced ornament, the matinee hat. They had imprinted on the tickets sold at the theatre the warning, "Hats and bonnets not allowed." But a lady arrived, with an escorting male, and her ticket, bought at a library, had given her no notice of the new restriction. She was making her way to the stalls when an attendant admonished her about her hat, and she, the most demure of women, answered, "I cannot." The mere man accompanying her sought to induce her to obey the management's behest; and her audacious refusal of his caresses was, "You stupid! Some of my curls are fixed to my hat."

The Hongkong Football League seems now to have got a good start, and the question of available playing space, which was so much put forward as an objection at the first meeting by representatives of the senior club, has had its own answer in the fact that no less than four League matches were played last Saturday afternoon. Owing to the late formation of the League and the ground difficulty it has been impossible for the committee to arrange a proper fixture list, so these have to be fixed every Monday evening, and so far there has been a good attendance at these meetings, all clubs in the League having expressed themselves on more than one occasion most anxious to work together harmoniously for the good of the League. In this way the suggested difficulties have proved non-existent, and I feel sure that it is the earnest wish of all sportsmen in general, and footballers in particular, that the Hongkong F. C. will ultimately see their club members join the brethren of the League and thus make the competition a huge success, although at present time everything tends to show that the present season will be most interesting one, but being assured, there is nothing to fear the ultimate success of the League competition in Hongkong.

## RAMBLER.

## COMMERCIAL.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs Vernon and Smyth's share report dated 18th December, states:—

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Bank.—The weakness reported in our last continuing the rule, after a few further unimportant sales at \$350, fell to \$345 with sales, and at time of writing shares are probably available at that rate to a limited extent. The latest Shanghai quotation is \$380 ex 75, and the London rate \$282.

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Colonial M. & E. have been sold locally at 75 and dividend of 7.5 paid on the 15th inst., and have since improved in the north to 75 and dividend, the rise being attributed by our private advisers, to a speculative demand. Leong Kwong Moon have receded to 16 and 17, and they have improved to 270. Hongkong Cottons continue with sales at 10.

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## SENSATIONAL MYSTERY IN FRANCE.

## The Steinhilf Murder.

London, November 28th.

The murder of the Parisian painter Adolphe Steinhilf, and his mother-in-law, Madame Jupp, at the end of May last has developed to a most sensational mystery. On the morning of the 31st May Steinhilf and his mother-in-law were discovered strangled in the artist's villa, and Madame Steinhilf was found gagged and bound and in an unconscious condition. She said the crime was committed by three men and a woman, who afterwards ransacked the house.

After falsely intermingling two servants, Madame Steinhilf was herself arrested on a charge of complicity. The affair has since assumed a political hue. Madame Steinhilf was the last person to be alone with President Faure at the time of his sudden death. Even the Drayfus case is being dragged in, and it is said that President Faure gave Madame Steinhilf the key to the door leading to the guillotine of Drayfus.

London, November 28. The body of the murdered artist Steinhilf has been exhumed for autopsy.

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The Manchester November Handicap

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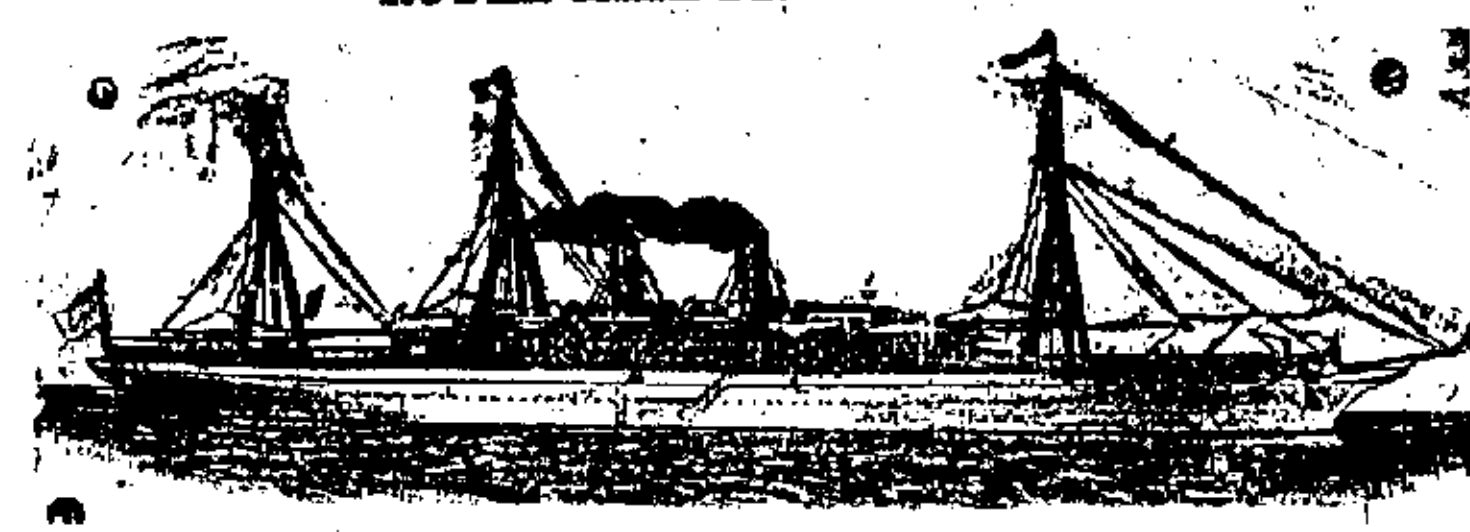
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LONDON & ANTWERP	SICILIA	Dec. 1st	Freight and Passengers
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MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	WAKASU MARU.	6265 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight.
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YOKOHAMA.	* SHINANO MARU.	6385 Tons	TUESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
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VILLE AND BRISBANE, THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.	* YETORU MARU.	3648 Tons	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI & KOBE, THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.	* KUNIKIDA MARU.	5676 Tons	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, ROBE AND YOKOHAMA, THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.	* SASUKI MARU.	6112 Tons	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
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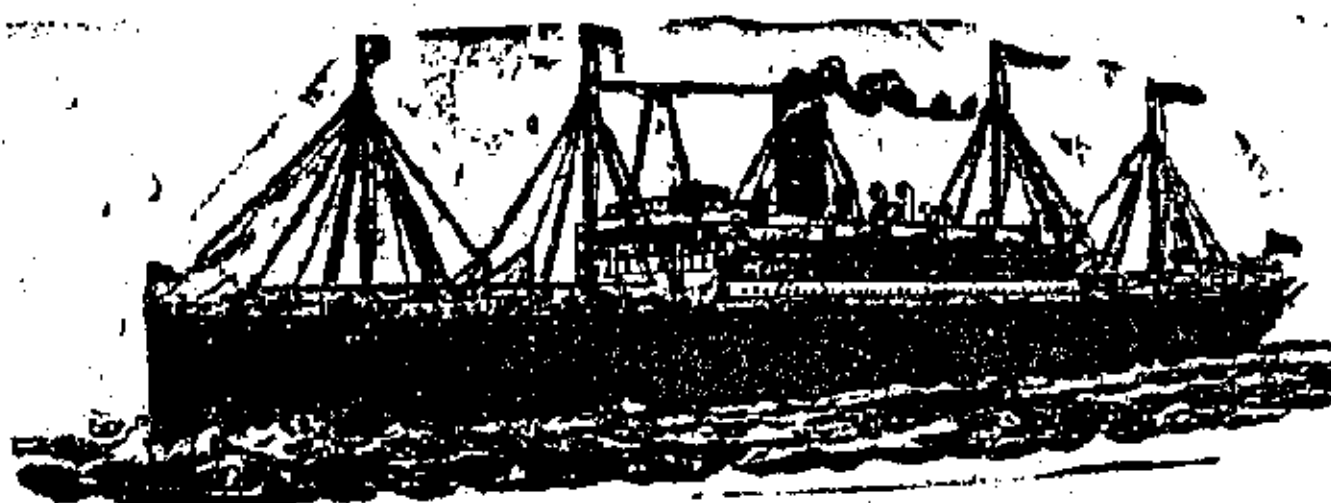
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* CHIYO MARU	11,000 Tons	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Noon.
* ASIA	9,500 Tons	SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
* MONGOLIA	27,000 Tons	SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at Noon.
* TENYO MARU	21,000 Tons	TUESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION	FOR	TO SAIL
NINGPO SHANGHAI	FOOCHOW	Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	SIGAN	Dec. 21, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	ENAN	Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAMING	Dec. 22, at 3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	KUANG	Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.
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AMOI, MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU	SUNGLANG	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBAYASHI, PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Capt. E. Malsch.	THURSDAY, 31st Dec.
MANILA, IAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	Capt. F. Ische.	THURSDAY, 31st Dec., at 5 p.m.
KUAT and SANDAKAN	Capt. F. Schill.	19th Beginning of January.

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* SHANGHAI	KUONSHING	MONDAY, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
* SINGAPORE	PENANG	TUESDAY, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.
* MANILA	YUENSANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA .....	<b>SYDNEY.</b>	HENRIC	Jan. 4, p.m., 19
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Tons		Tons				
1908		Saturday, 1909				
Thurs		Saturday				
DELTA .....	8000	Dec. 29	MONGOLIA ..	10000	Jan. 23	Jan. 28
ASSAYE .....	7500	1909 Jan 9	INDIA .....	8000	Feb. 6	Feb. 10
DELHI .....	8000	Jan. 23	VICTORIA ..	7000	Feb. 20	Feb. 27
DEVANHA .....	8000	Feb. 6	MOOREA .....	11000	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
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MACEDONIA ..	10500	Mar. 20	(through steamer)		Apr. 17	Apr. 24
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TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of January.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
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Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1637

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Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1674

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Prince's Buildings Hongkong, November 27, 1908. 1609

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Hongkong, December 17, 1908. 1696

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Hongkong, December 18, 1908. 1702

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo ex

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HOLT'S WHARF.

Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1689

#### NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FORM MID-LEBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

The Co's Steamship Kuroki Maru, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before N on To-day.

Goods not cleared before the 18th Dec., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co's representatives at an appointed time. All claims must be presented within a week days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1678

#### FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship BARCELONA, Captain FOMESTER, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Underwriter and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from all agents.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns and/or extra warehouse Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Dec., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th of December, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 28th of December, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Underwriter.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELBOURNE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1908. 1700

#### TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, AND SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship HONGKONG MARU, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th December will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th of December, at 9.30 a.m.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Underwriter.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELBOURNE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1701

#### AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Ferida, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

This Steamer brings on Cargo: From Venice ex S. Meteor, transhipped at Trieste.

From Trieste ex S. Africa, transhipped at Bombay.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Dec., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th Dec., 1908, will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, December 17, 1908. 1696

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